

## CLAIMS

1. A locking means for an over-centre fastener for preventing unintentional opening of the fastener, including manually releasable snap-action retaining means (30, 34; 36) between a  
5 movable lever (21) and a stationary part (20, 27) of the fastener, said retaining means comprising a spring (30; 36) attached to the lever (21a; 21b) and abutment means (31; 38) associated with the stationary part (20, 27),  
characterized in that the spring (30) has one end  
10 attached to the lever (21a) and an opposite, movable end thereof forming engagement means (34a; 36a) adapted to engage the abutment means (31; 38) in a closed position of the fastener, said opposite end of the spring being formed with  
guide means (34a, 34c; 36d, 36e) guiding movement of said  
15 opposite end of the spring relative to the lever (21a).

2. The locking means according to claim 1,  
characterized in that the spring is a leaf spring  
(30).

3. The locking means according to claim 1,  
20 characterized in that the spring is a wire spring  
(36).

4. The locking means according to claim 2 or 3,  
characterized in that said guide means comprise at  
least one portion (34a, 34c; 36, 36d) of said spring (30; 36)  
25 bent to encompass a portion of said lever.